

Bristol January 2⁴th - 1850

Thursday.

My dear Mr. May.

It was my intention to send you a few lines by Saturday's mail before your letter of the 8th instant reached me: it came last night. Mine of Jan. 7th is an acknowledgment of yours of Dec. 18th 1849 has, I presume come to hand in due course.

But one unfortunate failure in the regularity of our communications has occurred. You will probably recall that in the spring of last year, I wrote letters to you, one of them dated April 27th, announcing the speedy departure of a little package for you by the Mary Jane, Capt. England, from this port for Boston; and another dated May 4th saying that the packet had been given in charge of Capt. England. Only a few days ago I learned from the Ship Agent, that the Mary Jane foundered in the Atlantic

that the crew were picked up by a ship,
but that not an article belonging to the Am.
fortunate Bristol vessel was saved!

By reference to a superficial man: I
find that there was in the parcel, the Unit.
Almanack for 1843, several unimportant
publications, (Reports &c) & 25/- in discharge
~~receipt~~ of Miss W. Lupton's & my own
pre-payment for the Liberator for
last year. I forgot what the other 5/- were
for, but think some of the money was
in postage stamps for your accommo-
dation. I now remember, & perhaps
it will ~~clear~~ also strike you, that you
never announced the arrival of this parcel
which both of us expected wd come into
your possession.

The same Agents have now offered
to send another parcel for me by the
Recovery (Capt. Lowther from Bristol (or
rather Newport), direct for Boston,
which ship is to sail about the first

week in February. Quite sure that
no extra risk is run by sending any thing
in a Bristol ship, I mean to avail myself
of the ship "Whitwell" & friendly offer
of forwarding to you the "Criminal
Tables", which are a far more valuable
cargo than my former parcel: whether
I shall put any money in it, or give what
I purport sending, ^{to} by the Captain, I have
not settled. You shall have our Alman-
nack for this year. I will inclose a
letter recently received from Mr. Hinchon
in vindication of his letter to the Inquisitor,
in consequence of which you administered a
whipping which Dr. Hutton was the medium
of inflicting upon him. I shall write to
him, & tell him wherein ~~wherein~~ he
erred, in my view of the subject. Perhaps
too I may inclose in the packet a little bit
of Natural History for your daughter, from
the I. of Alderney.

And now let me thank you for your letter
 comm^{ing}. All the particulars you give of the
 Fair are very acceptable to us. I am quite
 sure you have ~~paid~~ ^{paid} Mr. Mitchell's notice
 every attention it, & we are entitled to, and
 you evidently, wisely & kindly, appreciate ^{& allow for} the
 almost undue amount of interest with which
 those here who have been engaged for months
 in its production, regard it. It is well
 here I doubt not has been considerable.

The sailing of the Mails only once a
 fortnight now makes us feel more dis-
 tant from you. In ^{neither} the papers which
 came yesterday, nor in your letter, are there
 farther particulars of Dr. Webster: the version
 of Corcoran was in our papers nearly a
 fortnight ago. I can but suppose that Dr.
 Parkman's death was sudden, probably
 in a fit, & that Dr. W. advised the proceeding
 he is charged with to conceal the affair. I
 cannot imagine that such a man could so
 poorly attend Dr. P. to the College for the purpose
 of murdering him!

It is not unlikely that you may not
 quite understand Russell Carpenter; he is

2^d really somewhat shy, & awkward. De-
ficient in tact, & not careful to give offence
where he designs only doing good in an un-
objectionable manner. His
thoroughly fine mind, & kindly dispo-
sition ^{make} ~~throw~~ the defects of his character
as but a feather in the balance.

I have been interested in Mr. Garrison
& R.D. Webb's view of the Peace Congress in
Paris. It was just what I thought of it, &
I called Mr. Webb on his sitting in Congress
with "lovely English women, elegant
"Quakers, Mr. & Mrs. with 2 Misses &
"Master Smith" &c, as related in the
papers that detailed the proceedings in
Paris. I did not however, know before
of the stupid decision made by the peace-
loving Gauls, that no subjects affecting
their peculiar notions, the wickedness
of War should be ~~even~~ touched upon.

Numerous engagements have com-
pelled me to leave my letter uncompleted
till nearly post time, so I must now con-

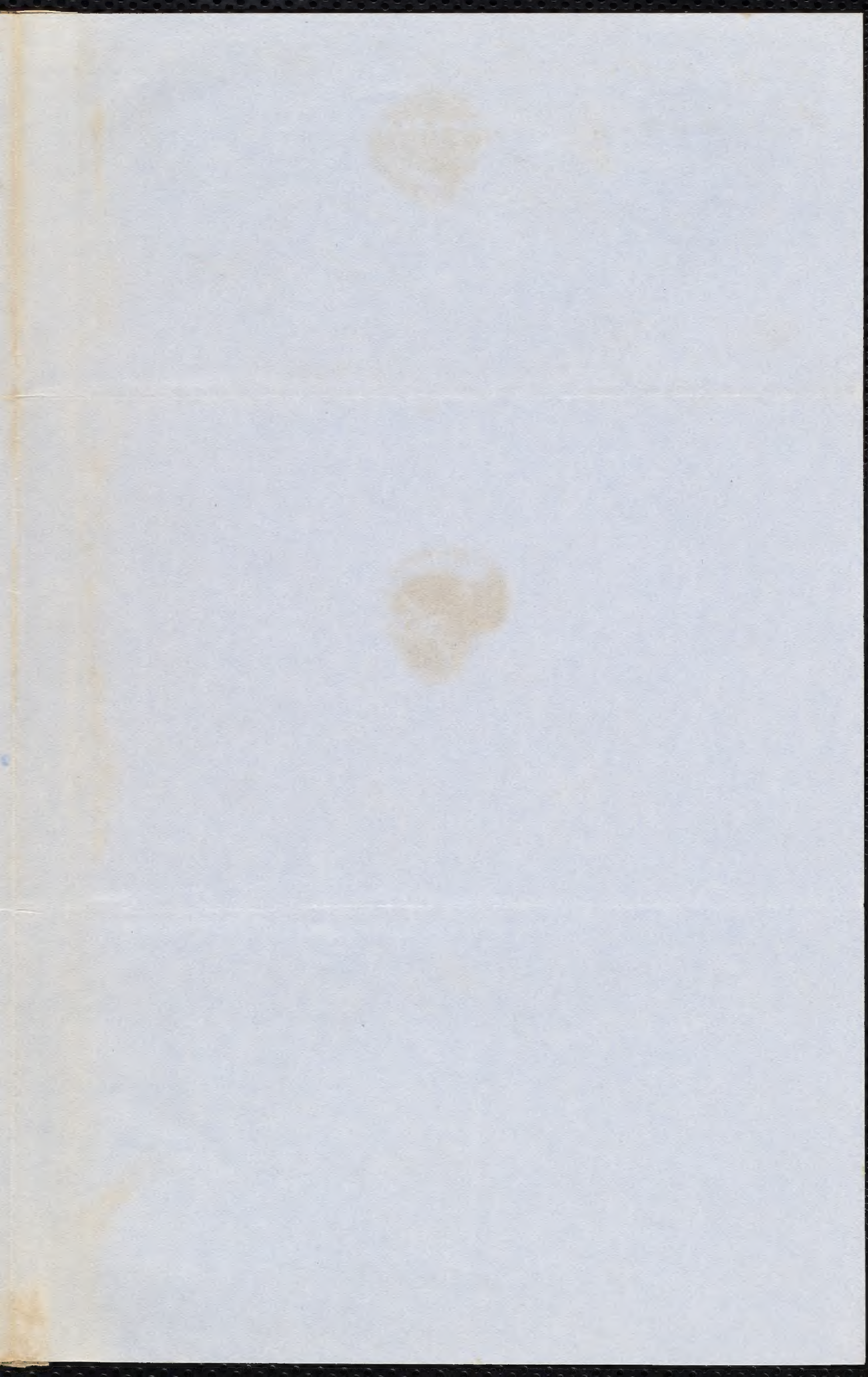
clude rather abruptly with my daughters
kind remembrance.

Sincerely Yours

J. B. Lottin.

Friday P.M.

25 Jan^y



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